

CHILDREN APPEAR AT HOUSE OF PLAY

New Institution Opened Auspiciously, President's Daughters Attending.

NEWMAN INDORSES PURPOSES OF CENTER

Calls Law Preventing Use of School Buildings for Other Purposes "Vicious."

Washington's new House of Play, which its organizers hope to make a lasting influence in the lives of the children of the city, was opened last night with an ambitious program of child play and speaking, and a large audience which included Misses Margaret and Eleanor Wilson, daughters of the President, and many other prominent people.

District Commissioner Oliver P. Newman, who made the principal address at the opening, noted his hearty approval of the House of Play. He also spoke of the law which prevents the use of public school buildings in the District for anything but school purposes, calling the law "most vicious." He pledged himself to get the law changed or kick up as much dust as possible in the case of any school building which should be used as neighborhood meeting places, he said.

Purposes of Center.

The House of Play, established by the junior department of the Drama League of Washington in what was formerly known as Faith's Chapel of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, at 492 M street southwest, was opened as a center for educational work with children by the drama league.

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Foreword by Mrs. Neligh.

Mrs. J. P. S. Neligh, chairman of the junior amateur department of the Washington Center for Play, in which she mentioned the purpose of her department to develop the love for the beautiful. Mrs. Neligh was also in charge of the first child play of the evening, "The Tongue-Cut Sparrow," a beautiful allegorical Japanese fable enacted by the children of the kindergarten of Neighborhood House.

Small children whose tiny voices caused delight among the audience took the parts of Japanese men and women and sparrows and animals in the play. It was the old, old tale of the kind man and woman who treated a sparrow kindly and the bad woman who cut out its tongue.

Those Presenting Play.

Ethel Owens was the "tongue-cut sparrow." Katherine Koehler was "another sparrow." Helen Mills was "little sparrow." Ora Perkins was "baby sparrow." Arthur Clark was the Japanese man, Mabel Donaldson was the Japanese wife, Helen Carragham was a "cross old woman," Marion Vernon was a "kind Rhoda Mothers-head" was a "field mouse."

Socialistic Platform Completed.

The platform of the socialistic party of the District, revision of which was completed last night at a meeting of the platform committee held in socialistic headquarters, 811 E street northwest, was a strong plea for the enfranchisement of the people of Washington.

Why the "Hello" Girl Ousted Boy Operators

Calling Subscribers "Idiot" Too Much for the Pioneers of Telephony.

CHICAGO, October 18.—C. W. McDonald, who has been in the telephone business ever since long-distance talking became practicable, told in an address yesterday at the annual meeting of the Telephone Pioneers' Association why girls were substituted for boys as operators. Because they were lacking in patience, the boys were supplanted by girls, Mr. McDonald, who was in a Kansas City telephone office when long-distance talking first became possible, said.

Prison Term for Sabens.

Court Accepts Plea of Guilty of Second-Degree Murder.

William H. Sabens, a former soldier at Fort Myer, late yesterday afternoon before Chief Justice C. C. Claiborne in Criminal Court No. 1, entered a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree. He will be sentenced next Friday. The penalty provided by the code is imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than twenty years.

How to Get This Book

On account of the educational value and patriotic appeal of this book, The Evening Star has arranged with Mr. Haskin to distribute a limited edition among its readers for the mere cost of production and handling.

It is bound in heavy cloth. It contains 400 pages, 100 illustrations and a map of the Panama Canal. It is a beautiful bird's-eye view of the Canal Zone in four colors. It is ACTUALLY a \$2.00 VALUE.

Present them with 50 cents at our office, and a copy of the book is yours. Fifteen cents extra if sent by mail.

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Social Service Bulletin Issued to Assist in Making Washington Model City.

Glads to Aid Investigators.

"The programs of the current meetings of the Monday Evening Club will naturally furnish many of the subjects to be covered in the bulletin. All social workers are also invited to supply some of the material for the bulletin."

The Public Library has clipped the news and editorial articles on the proposed local survey, has collected the material and has the pamphlets covering the survey ready for distribution.

The bulletin contains the following references to extensive magazine literature on surveys:

Application of the Social Survey to Small Communities. J. L. Gillin. American Journal of Sociology, v. 17, p. 647, March, 1912.

How to Make a Social Survey. J. F. Jenkins. Independent, v. 74, p. 1335, June 12, 1913.

How to Start a Survey of Your City's Business Methods. W. H. Allen. American City, v. 8, p. 252, March, 1913.

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M'DERMOTT CAPTURES WESTERN GOLF TITLE

Finishes With Score of 295. New Record for 72 Holes on Memphis Course.

GEN. CARRANZA HOPEFUL.

Remains at Nogales to Keep in Touch With Washington.

NOGALES, Sonora, Mexico, October 18.—Confident that good news for the constitutional cause will come soon from Washington, Gen. Venustiano Carranza, leader of the revolutionary movement in northern Mexico, announced yesterday that he would remain here to maintain communication with the American capital.

Carranza's aims and the more prominent military leaders of the constitutionalists say the rebel chieftain has a number of professional soldiers with him regarding the situation in Mexico. Among revolutionary sympathizers there is confidence that the American government will extend recognition to the constitutionalist movement.

Gen. Felipe Angeles, regarded as one of the strongest men identified with the anti-Huerta movement arrived yesterday from Europe to become Carranza's secretary of war.

E. C. JOHNSON PROMOTED.

Selected by the President to Be Solicitor of Internal Revenue.

Ellis C. Johnson was today selected by President Wilson as solicitor of internal revenue. He succeeds Fletcher Mattox of Montana, a Republican. Mr. Johnson has been chief of several divisions of the Treasury Department for the past nineteen years.

It is expected that the first full meeting of the division of customs, which is now being organized, will be held this afternoon.

CONFERENCE ON COTTON.

New England Spinners Desire Production of Long Staple Variety.

Three members of the Arkwright Club of Boston, representing a number of large cotton spinners in New England, had a conference yesterday with Secretary Houston, Assistant Secretary Galloway and members of the cotton committee of the Department of Agriculture, in regard to the growing of long staple cotton in the south.

The New Englanders said they were anxious to secure as much of this variety of cotton as possible. It was decided that they should appoint a committee to consult frequently with the department's committee.

PROF. DROPPERS IN FAVOR.

Intimate Friend of President Wilson Offered Foreign Post.

Garrett Droppers, professor of economics at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., has been offered the post of minister to Greece by President Wilson.

Prof. Droppers graduated at Harvard in 1887, was professor of political economy at the University of Tokyo for nearly ten years, president of the University of South Dakota for eight years, and went to Williams College in 1904. He is an intimate personal friend of President Wilson.

Debating Society Chooses Officers.

Officers of the Shahan Debating Society of the Catholic University were elected at the semi-annual election of the organization, held last evening, as follows: President, Frank Morgan; vice president, Charles Barrett; secretary-treasurer, John Russell. Announcement was made that the annual Shahan prize debate will be conducted as usual, and that two teams would be selected to represent the university in debates with other institutions.

Would Be Burglar Flee.

Mr. Louis Stein, 2910 Woolley place northwest, this morning told the police that a short, stout colored man tried to enter a rear window this morning about 2 o'clock, but servants in the house frightened him off. The police were told that the intruder was seen crossing the Calvert street bridge. Nothing was taken.

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HEADS SPECIAL BODY TO AID POOR PASTORS

Some Receive as Little as \$200 to \$300 a Year and Do Not Always Get Sum Promised.

Mrs. Madison Swadener, wife of a Methodist minister of Indianapolis, Ind., and formerly of Washington, is authority for the statement that according to statistics she is now gathering more than 3,000 Methodist ministers in the United States preach and work the year around for less than \$500 per annum.

Mrs. Swadener, who is chairman of the bureau for sustenance fund of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is in Washington attending the sessions of the annual convention of that organization at Foundry M. E. Church. She talked today with a reporter for The Star of the work of her bureau, which is the youngest among the various bureaus of the organization, and which was brought into existence a year ago at the annual meeting of the society at Des Moines, for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of Methodist ministers in the United States who receive \$500 per annum or less.

"These young men, these ministers, with college educations and therefore a good earning capacity, and many of them with hopeful young wives who are an expense to them, go out into the wilderness or to the western frontier, without picking or hoeing their berths at the call of the bishop, and although they are promised \$500 a year salary they often do not get more than \$200 or \$300. In this land of plenty, and in these days of high cost of living, the struggle to live and to preach the gospel has grown again almost as difficult as it was in the days when our forefathers were trying to do it."

Need Aid in Cash.

"The idea of my bureau is to aid these ministers. We must aid them in cash. The supply bureau of our organization sends them boxes and barrels of clothing and other necessities from time to time, and the board of home missions and church extension helps to some extent. And some of the conferences of the Methodist Church, such as the California and Columbia River conferences, have direct assistance funds. But in the case of the collections taken up for those funds are distributed in the states or conferences where they are collected, and even where they are big enough, good enough, strong enough and true enough to stand before the bishop and say 'Send me anywhere,' but they are often sent to places where the people cannot support them, and this they know when they go."

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Baker Will Be President.

PHILADELPHIA, October 18.—Charles S. Dooin will probably be re-elected manager of the Phillies for the 1914 season when the directors meet for re-organization next Monday afternoon. The meeting was scheduled to be held at the offices in the park yesterday afternoon, but the absence of Fred T. Chandler, one of the directors, caused a postponement.

William F. Baker, who has been the acting president since the death of William H. Locke, is certain to be given the job for next year, it is said. Although nothing definite has been decided upon, it is said that the directors have discussed the 1914 plans unofficially, and have decided that the showing of the Phillies this season warrants the retention of Dooin as manager. Charley has declared that if the position is tendered him he will accept it